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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JULY 25-29 NON ALIGNED FON MINISTERS'

MEETING AT BELGRADE

REF: STATE 178240 AND 178242

1. CHARGE MET WITH MFA DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SATO JULY 25 AND RAISED APPROPRIATE ISSUES CITED REFTELS. NOT RPT NOT RAISED WERE MIDDLE EAST, ZIONISM/RACISM AND KOREAN ISSUES, WHICH RAISAD PREVIOUSLY PRIOR TO KHARTOUM MEETING. FYI: MFA CURRENTLY IN SOME DISARRAY AS MANY KEY OFFICIALS OUT OF COUNTRY FOR KHARTOUM AND BELGRADE MEETINGS. NEWLY APPOINTED FONMIN AND PERSONAL STAFF APPARENTLY STILL "READING IN."

2. CUBA: SATO NOTED TPAT GOCAE WELL AWARE OF CUBAN ACTIVITY INR AFRICA AND VIEWS CUBA AS SURROGATE FOR "ANOTHER, MORE POWERFUL SOCIALIST STATE." HE EMPHASIZED DELICACY OF WHOLE QUESTION, HOWEVER, ACD ASSURED CHARGE THAT CAE WOULD ALIGN ITSELF WITH "THOSE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SUBSTANTIAL REASONS TO BE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT CUBAN PRESENCE." HE COULD NOT OFFER PREDICTIONS ON EVENTUAL TREATMENT THIS ISSUE AT NAM.

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3. SOUTHERN AFRICA: SATO NOTED GOCAE WELL AWARE EFFORTS U.S. AND OTHERS MAKING RE NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. HE WAS, HOWEVER, QUITE INTERESTED IN QUESTION OF HELMS AMENDMENT AND ASKED FOR FULL DETAILS, WHICH WERE PROVIDED. SATO OBSERVED THAT PASSAGE OF HELMS AMENDMENT WOULD BE A DIRECT AFFRONT TO UN AND OAU, AND WOULD COME AT ESPECIALLY BAD TIME GIVEN CURRENT PROGRESS.

4. MASS MEDIA: SATO OFFERED SOME PLATITUDES BUT DECLINED DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN DETAIL, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF 1977 EVENTS HERE REGARDING MISTREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS.

5. PUERTO RICO SATO ASSURED CHARGE THAT GOCAE AGREES FULLY WITH U.S. POSITION VN THIS ISSUE, AND WOULD "MOST LIKELY" EXPRESS RESERVATIONS SHOULD QUESTION BE RAISED AT NAM. FAIRCHILD

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